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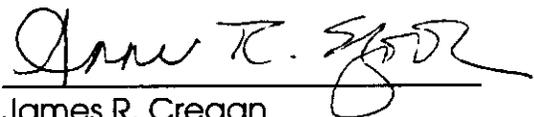
Docket No. R2000-1

FOURTH SET OF INSTITUTIONAL INTERROGATORIES
OF MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA, INC.
TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

(APRIL 4, 2000)

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, Magazine Publishers of America, Inc. hereby submits the attached fourth set of institutional interrogatories (MPA/USPS-46) to the United States Postal Service.

Respectfully submitted,



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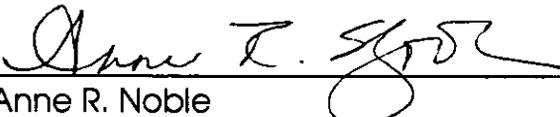
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MPA/USPS-46. Please refer to Section M050.3.4 of the Domestic Mail Manual, which states: "Line-of-travel sequence is an option for mailers who prepare carrier route mailings other than high density or saturation mailings. Line-of-travel sequencing is a minimum requirement for basic Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail."

- a. Please describe generally why the line-of-travel sequencing of carrier route mailings reduces the Postal Service's per-piece cost for handling carrier route mail.
- b. Please state when line-of-sequencing became a minimum requirement for Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail.
- c. Please provide all Postal Service studies and reports regarding any savings that may have been realized from the line-of-travel sequencing requirement for basic Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail.
- d. Please confirm that line-of-travel-sequencing is not a requirement for Periodicals Carrier Route Basic mail.
- e. Please provide all Postal Service studies and reports regarding any savings that might result from requiring line-of-travel sequencing for Periodicals Carrier Route Basic mail.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice.



Anne R. Noble

Washington DC
April 4, 2000